January 15, 2021 Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for January 15th, 2021. Barren River Lake is still above winter pool at 528.2 (~3ft above winter pool). The roost sites in Hardin County are producing good amounts of birds with the largest groups of birds being spotted while feeding. Overall the habitat conditions look good.

The Kentucky 2020-21 Sandhill crane season opened Monday, December 7, and runs to Sunday, January 31. This is concurrent with the second segment of duck season.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	3542 Sandhill Cranes	Lake level (1/12): 528.2 and falling. Some disturbances caused cranes to enter the roost sites later than usual.
Hardin County	200 Sandhill Cranes	Roost ponds produced good amounts of birds this week with the largest groups of birds being spotted while feeding. Overall habitat conditions look good.